#### INVESTIGATION BEGUN.

THE AFFAIRS OF THE NEW-YORK LIFE.

MERZBACHER HAD A HABIT OF ANTICIPATING

HIS PROFITS. Superintendent Pierce, of the State Insurance De partment, having appointed Department Superintend-ent Michael D. Shannon to examine the affairs of the He will be assisted by a large clerical force, and the entire examination may cover a period of as \$25,000; for under the terms, the company has to shannon will obtain the essential results in a few weeks. No one has questioned the solvency of the company yet, and Colonel William L. Strong, one of the trustees, said yesterday that he had examined given in January to be correct.

The trustees recommended the examination, and company, said that the Insurance Department had been invited to make a searching investigation, and that it would have the fullest access possible to all that it would have the fullest access possible to all its affairs. He could not tell how long a time the examination would consume, but he knew that it would be thorough and that the company would be satisfied with the result. He did not know when President Beers would return home. None of the officers seems to think that President Beers will resign his office as reported. But Colonel Strong said emphatically that the company would not allow him to

resign even if he desired to. "This trouble is now over," said another officer. "The examination will cost a good deal of money, but after it is over we shall start out as a new company; we shall be born again."

The so-called Banta charges have been pretty thoroughly exploded. Colonel Strong, who was chairman of the investigating committee, gave a Tribune reporter yesterday a full history of the affair. Mr Banta sent what Colonel Strong called a statement to each one of the trustees. At a routine meeting of the trustees President Beers asked for a full investigation of the statement, and the trustees appointed a committee of their own members to select the investigating committee. The laffer body was composed of General Benjamin H. Pristow, John Claffin, John N. Stearns, C. C. Baidwin and Colonel Strong, chalrman. General Bristow acted as counsel to the committee. The investigation lasted about three and one-half months, the committee meeting about four times a week and sitting about four hours each day. Mr. Banta and everybody mentioned in his statements were examined, and the committee came to the unantmous opinion that the statement was not sustained. General Bristow and William B. Hornblower, attorney for the company, fully concurred

When Mr. Banta heard the result he told Colonel Strong that he had acted from conscientious motives and felt that he had discharged his duty to his conscience, to his God and to the assured. The trustees had no friends to reward, and he would be satisfied with whatever decision they reached. The trustees and President Beers desired to retain Mr. Banta, because he was a valuable man, and, as President Beers put it, he was none the less valuable on account of

his "freak." More was heard from Juliuo Merzbacher yesterday, which shows that he has exercised his peculiar talents in other fields. M. J. Drucker, a leather merchant, of No. 176 William-st., was the victim in this case, and he gave these facts yesterday. Merzbacher was em-ployed by Mr. Drucker from 1867 to 1874 as confidential clerk and resident buyer. He sent Merzbacher to Paris and gave him an interest in the business, but had no partnership with him. Merzbacher indorsed paper for him and drew on Mr. Drucker for purchases. Merzbacher "anticipated" on his profits in the business, and when Mr. Drucker attempted to get a settlement Merzbacher failed to give it. Mr. Drucker summoned Merzbacher to this city, and he owned up that there Nervacare to this cay, and he said that it could have \$4,000 he could extricate himself from his troubles and regain some money he had lost. Mr. Drucker advanced the \$4,000, and that was the last he

Drucker advanced the \$4,000, and that was the last he saw of Merzbacher, who fied to Brazil.

Mr. Drucker went to Paris, and had to pay out \$150,000 to settle up Merzbacher's shortage, for which Merzbacher had rendered him responsible. This sum also included the \$4,000 he advanced to Merzbacher. Afterward Merzbacher wrote from Havana to ascertain if Mr. Drucker would allow him to return if he made a part payment to him on his debts. Mr. Drucker allowed him to return, but declined to say whether he received any money from Merzbacher.

It was learned vesterday that President Beers knew of Merzbacher's shortage in the South American department soon after Mr. Sanchez had discovered it. Mr. Beers, however, did not inform the trustees for some time, because, as he told Colonel strong afterward, the company was amply secured against a loss in the affair.

#### STABILITY OF THE PHILADELPHIA.

Since the flagthip Philadelphia arrived at the Navy Nord from Hayti much consideration has been given to the proper alterations to improve her stability, to give to her a greater meta-centric height. This deficiency to her a greater mem-centri negative to her a greater mem-centri negative was exclusively mentioned in The Tribune before the vessel sailed for the West Indies in January, and at the vessel sailed for the West Indies and it was continuously was made and it was continuously was made and it was continuously and the comparation of the Corporation Counsel had been given. that time an investigation was made and it was con cluded to put a couple of hundred tons of pig-lead along her heel until she should return. Experiments are soon to be made respecting the stability of the ship, and to do this she will be put into drydock and heeled over to one side and then to the other. One proposition to increase her stability is to take out one or two of her steel masts, which add considerably to the above-water weights, and as their centre of gravity is high, they tend to give the ship a smaller meta-centric height than is safe at sea. Another proposition is to remove the military tops of the masts, which, some of the officers assert, are useless appendages, since under ordinary circumstances the heat coming from the tops of the funnels is so intense that the men in charge of the guns mounted in the masts could not remain at their posts. The removal of the military tops alone is not considered sufficient, and another proposition is to replace her present steel masts with wooden ones, in which case they would be of no more service than flag-

The tests to show the initial stability of the vessel will be made in a few days, when it will be determined what changes shall be made. The same objection to adding ballast to the ship has been made as was made against similar propositions with regard to the Chicago and Newark—that it would increase their displacements and consequently affect their speed. On the other hand, it is contended both ships would be better off without the top-hamper, and that any ship which can steam ten knots or more doesn't want sail, for she can't use it to any advantage.

#### THE CHILD HAS FOUND PROTECTORS.

Annie Wilson, the unfortunate woman who died while being removed to an ambulance from the house where she rented rooms, because she was in arrear in her payments, will receive decent burial in Evergreen Cemetery by the undertaker, William H. Hawks, of No. 8 Sixth-ave., at his own expense. A gentleman and his wife living in New-Jersey, who had known Annie Wilson as a respectable woman before she sank into poverty, disease and ruln, saw the newspaper references to her death. They at once came forward with a hearty offer to take the pretty little child, Elsie, aged thirteen years, and give her a per manent home. Mr. Hawks, who had stood in the capacity of protector of the orphan girl, being satisfied promptly and beyond all question of the excellent standing of the couple, recognized their claim as care-takers of the child of their former acquaintance, and Elsle, through the co-operation of these good pe will be provided for. The daily newspapers, by drawing attention, as they often do, to the wretchedne of the most unfortunate, may justly claim credit this instance for opening the way to the accomplis-ment of a meritorious act.

# TO PUT THE BENNINGTON IN COMMISSION.

It was said at the Navy Yard last night that the gunboat Bennington would be put in commission to-day. Commander Royal B. Bradford, recently at the head of the electrical department of the Bureau of Equipment, is to be her commander. It is possible t she will not go into commission till to-morrow, as it is not customary to lay the keel-blocks, to launch a ship, to put one into commission, or to start on a cruise on a Friday.

#### INSUFFICENT STREET LIGHTING.

Commissioner Gilroy has given orders to the Consolidated Gas Company to place additional lights in Amsterdam-ave., between One-hundred-and-ninth and One-hundred-and-twen-ty-fourth sts. It was in this neighborhood that a unknown man was run over and killed by a horse-car on Monday tight. Complaints were made that the part of the avetue referred to was not well lighted and that the accident might be laid to this cause. Mr. Gilroy said yestorday that there was no ordinance permitting the laying of gas mains, from One-hundred-and-tenth to One-hundred-and-fourteenth-sts., but he had served notice upon the Gas Bureau to prepare such an ordinance for presentation at the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen. The Com-missioner added that the upper portion of the avenue also hadly needed lighting, especially around Washington inter than the day on which the President was said to

BLOWS AT THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

W. C. HAWK AND H. L. DANIELS QUARREL OVER A FLOUR CONTRACT.

William C. Hawk, of the flour firm of Faubel & Hawk, No. 67 Broad-st., and Harry L. Daniels, a broker with an office in the Produce Exchange, had a brief struggle in the Produce Exchange on Wednesday, which New York Life Insurance Company, Mr. Shannon ended by friends pulling the men apart after Daniels's New York Life index policy solice yester-practically took charge of the company's office yester-glasses had been knocked off and he had received a couple of rather forcible thumps on the head from the fist of his angry combatant. The trouble began last six months, and it may cost the company as much May, when Mr. Hawk bought 500 barrels of flour from Mr. Daniels. Mr. Hawk says that he understood that pay for the examination. It is believed that Mr. the flour was in transit from Milwaukee when it was contracted for, and it was wanted for immediate use on Blackwell's Island, he having the contract to supply the trustees, said yesterday that he had examined on May 20 and part of the flour did not reach here until June 6, while the rest did not come along until six days

The bills of lading, he declares, showed that the flour the trustees recommended the examined the concurrence of President Beers, who sent a dispatch from Europe commending their decision. It had been made. This Mr. Hawk considered to be archibald H. Welch, the second vice-president of the Archibald H. Welch, the second vice-president of the enough to annul the contract. M. Daniels did not enough to annul the contract. think so and he appealed to the Arbitration Commit-tee. The hearing was held on Wednesday afternoon. It went along pleasantly enough until Mr. Daniels, according to Mr. Hawk, made an insulting reference to him and his partner.

A moment afterward all hands adjourned to the corridor and here Mr. Hawk's temper reached an uncontrollable pitch and he jumped upon the broker, jamming his head against the wall. Defore any one jamming his head against the wall. Felore any one could interfere he had knocked the broker's glasses off and hit him a couple of savage blows in the neck. Mr. Daniels is not a strong man and recently has been ill. Mr. Faubel, E. D. Neustadt and Daniel smith, who were present, separated the men, and Mr. Faubel wisely advised his partner to go home. A similar "scrap" has not occurred on the Produce Exchange for some time and it therefore was a leading topic of conversation vesterday.

#### yesterday. DID THE WOMAN SHOOT TO KILL!

MRS. NELSON SAYS THE DEATH OF POST WAS DUE TO ACCIDENT.

Mrs. Ella Nelson, the pale and unattractive woman who became infatuated with Samuel L. M. Post, an insurance broker, and who, it is charged, killed him for fear of his deserting her, listened yesterday with a depressed air to the testimony against her. Eleven jurors had been secured on Wednesday and the twelfth juror, who was not opposed to inflicting the death penalty on a woman, was secured yesterday. Re-corder Smyth presides at the trial. After the last juror had been sworn Assistant District-Attorney Wellman made the opening address. He told of the woman's intimacy with Post, who deserted his wife and children for her. He attempted after a few years to regain the position in business and among his friends which he had lost by his dissolute habits. The woman objected and threatened to kill him if he deserted her. Post and Nathan Michaels went to Mrs. Nelson's room on February 18, where the killing

Michaels, who was the main witness relied on by the prosecution, testified that he knew of the relations between Post and the defendant. She had often threatened to "blow his head off" if he went to live with another woman. Post did not live with Mrs. Nelson all the time and had secured a room in another house in February. He and the witness went to Mrs. Nelson's house lats on the evening of February 18. The woman upbraided Post for leaving her, and asked him to speak to her in a room apart from Michaels. They went out of the room and Michaels remained scated on a piano-stool in the sitting-room. The witness heard two shots and Post ran into the sitting-The woman followed and fired two other shots. Michaels continued to sit on the plano-stool, but finally, at Mrs. Nelson's request, went out for a physician. He found a police officer who afterward visited the room. Mrs. Nelson at the time of the shooting cursed Post, but a few moments afterward was seated on the ground beside him, weeping over him, calling him by endearing names and beseeching him not to die.

Three police officers testified to the arrest of the woman. She said that Post had the pistol in his hand and it was discharged when he attempted to hand and it was discharged when he attempted to take it away. The pistol was found in Post's hand. A long discussion arose over the admissibility of Post's ante-mortem statement. It was finally admitted on the testimony of a reporter, who said that Post declared that he had no loope of recovery from the effects of the wound. Post, in his statement, said that he wanted to leave the woman, that she drew the pistol and fired at him, saying with an eath, "You shan't go." The woman he said had frequently threatened him and once before shot at him. The defence is that the shooting was accidental.

## WHO SHALL CONTROL THE AQUEDUCT?

Controller Myers and the Aqueduct Commission con-cerning the status of the men on the Commission's payrolls, and referred it to Chief Engineer Birdsall. The Chief Engineer will make an examination of the subfeet and report to the Commissioner whether has a force sufficient to take charge of the gates and gatehouses of the Aqueduct if it should be decided that their control should be turned over to the Department

## A NEW BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

"The Mercantile Register" is the title of a large volume just published, which gives in alphabetical order the large cities of the country and the names of the business and manufacturing firms in each city The names of the business firms in which the publishers of the "Register" have entire confidence are printed in large-faced type.

## ITALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICERS.

The Italian Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting yesterday at No. 4 Pearl-st. All the members were present. The following officers were elected: L. Contencin, president; D. Bonanno, vice-president A. Minaldi, trensurer; E. Bastogi, A. Oldrini, M. Pettinato, G. Starace, M. Lemmi, A. Musica, F. Romeo C. A. Barattoni, L. Paturzo, directors. Roswell P. Flower, Frank Hiscock and William M. Evarts were elected honorary presidents by acclamation.

## PAUL MORSE RICHARDS FREE AGAIN

Sometime in March the East Side Bank of this city aused the arrest of Paul Morse Richards, who was then the publisher of "The New-York Observer." The bank was at the time a creditor of Mr. Richards to the extent of \$5,000, and Mr. Richards some time before had made an assignment of all his property for the benefit of his creditors. The arrest was procured upon charges made by the bank that at the time Mr. Richards contracted the debt owing to it be was insolvent, and that at the time of that assignment he had really no property to assign.

A few days ago Mr. Richards's assignee settled with his creditors, and among them settled the claim of the bank in full, with the property of the assigned estate, and secured a full release and discharge from the bank. The order of arrest has been vacated, and all action by the bank against Mr. Richards has been voluntarily abandoned. The bank refused to receive the amount of its claim from the assignee until Mr. Richards released it from any claim he might have

neminst it for the arrest. This precantion on the bank's part, as well as the that it was not Richards, but his assignee, who paid the claim, and paid it with property which was actually in the assignee's hands at the time the arrest was made, would appear to indicate that the bank's netion against him, while perhaps properly zealous in its own behalf, was unfortunately severe upon Mr.

## A TINY OCEAN TRAVELLER.

A pretty child, eight years old, sat in Matron Stuckling's corner of the Barge Office yesterday. Her nam was Anna Lay, and she crossed the ocean nlone, an frightened by her long journey. She was smilling and happy as apples and cookies were poured into her lap by the attendants, who were attracted by her vivacity and beauty. She came from Germany and was going to her aunt, in Pittsfield, Mass. She was cared for by Father Callahan, at the State Street Mission, over night, and will be sent on her way this morning. She arrived on the steamer Noordland.

## THE WILL OF HARRY EDWARDS.

The will of Harry Edwards, the actor, was filed for probate yesterday. It was executed in February, 1887, and was witnessed by William Galvin and Arthur Wallack. No executors are named in the instrument. The testator leaves all his property to his wife, Marianne Elizabeth. He requests, however, that she dispose of it in accordance with a letter which she lins in hr possession. No copy of the letter was filed.

DENYING THAT HYPPOLITE IS DEAD. There was no news from Hayti yesterday. The Haytian Minister, Hannibal Price, was seen at his office, No. 101 Pearl-st., and said there was no truth in the report

Bridge, but that the department was without means to do have been killed. Had such a thing happened the news would have been sent to several merchants in this city interested in the Haytlan trade. From last dis-patches things were quieting down in Hayti, trade was good, and affairs were fast resuming their normal con-dition.

H. VICTOR NEWCOMB IN AN ASYLUM.

REGRET AND SYMPATHY FOR HIM-HIS MIND

HAS LONG BEEN FAILING. The news that H. Victor Newcomb had been temporarily committed to an asylum for the insane, caused great deal of regret and sympathy in Wall Street yesterday, but no surprise. It had been a matter of common talk for some time that Mr. Newcomb's condition had given cause for grave concern to his friends. Judge McAdam said yesterday to a Tribune reporter that he had received an application for a commitment nine days ago. He thought, though he was not sure, of this, that the physicians who indorsed the application were Dr. Allen G. Fitch, of Bellevue, and Dr. Matthew D. Field. Judge McAdam granted the order on the affidavits of the physicians that the rich broker was of unsound mind. It is certain, from what the reporter learned further from other sources, that Dr. Field was called in on the case. From inquiry that was made in all directions whence trustworthy in-formation might come, it was learned that Mr. Newcomb had been sent to some retreat, primarily at the instance of his family, and that within a few days an inquirendo into his sanity will be made. His business interests are large, and without this they cannot be

properly protected in behalf of his family.

Judge McAdam said he thought that Mr. Newcomb had been taken to Bloomingdale. One of many rumors that were in circulation had it that he had been sent to the Long Island Inebriate Asylum at Fort Hamilton. It was impossible to verify anything beyond the bare fact of Mr. Newcomb's mental disorder and his commitment. Mrs. Newcomb sent word to the reporter, when he called at her home at No. 683 Fifthave., that she had "nothing to say." One of the stories about the manifestations that made necessary the steps taken for Mr. Newcomb's restraint was that he had behaved extraordinarily while on a voyage to Europe in the same steamship with Henry M. Stanley, and that he had become possessed with the idea that Mr. Stanley had malignant designs on him. Another was that he had been selzed by an hallucination that Henry M. Flagler, of the Standard Oll Trust, had a magnetic influence over him, and that he got a revolver with which to shoot Mr. Flagler. Mr. Flagler said that he had only met Mr. Newcomb once, though he is his neighbor in Fifth-ave., and that he did not know anything about Mr. Newcomb's hallucinations.

Mr. Newcomb was an extensive operator in Wall Street, and was as well liked as he was well known. It is impossible to tell whether he may recover his reason. As has been said, however, to those who have met him recently the indications of mental trouble have been so marked, that the realization of the misfortune, which was evidently impending, is not sur-

THE BISMARCK SAILS IN RACING TRIM. The steamship Fuerst Bismarck, which has been in the Eric Basin for the last few days having her bottom cleaned sailed for Europe yesterday. The Fuerst Bismarck, though she has only made three voyages. has been launched nearly a year, and she was covered with barnacles and seaweed. She has been thoroughly

over, which up to the present is the best. She carried a full complement of passengers, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Abbott, C. M. von Bauer, Miss Elsie von Bauer, E. de Barien, Mrs. Ella Bigelow, Miss Eleanor Bigelow, H. M. Bigelow, Mrs. and Miss Bronson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Deans Campbell, Captain Gordon Colton, Mr. and Mrs. Francis e Driscoll, W. H. Field, Dr. and Mrs. W. Glifillan, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hoffman, Leonard A. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hoffman, Leonard A. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jackson, Dr. A. Jacoby, Emil von Kominek, the Rev. George Koenig, Mr. and Mrs. Manton Marble, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Meade, Archdeacon and Mrs. Mackay-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pack, Mr. and Mrs. Howland Pell, Miss Gladys Pell, E. R. Robinson, Miss E. J. Robinson, Professor G. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. H. Stafford, Dr. and Mrs. Isidor Sax, Mrs. A. C. Van Brunt, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Wortley and Mr. and Mrs. A. Zadik.

Lafayette Post, Grand Army of the Republic, intend show the old war veterans who will visit this city with Kinsley Post, of Boston, and Meade Post, of Philadelphia, on Thursday that the acquaintanceships and friendships formed at Bull Run or Gettysburg, at Libby or at Andersonville, are still fresh and warm. A rousing reception is promised, and something more than hard-tack and bacon and water from the streams of Muddy Tanch will be casen and drunk. The following have been made the committee of armingements: A. G. Mills, William A. Copp. Excise Commissioner Alexander Meakim, Robert C. Rathbone, Charles Commissioner Gilroy received President Duane's F. Homer, Henry H. Holley, Theodote W. Greig, Lucius Hart, Edmind Hendricks, Joseph J. Little and Eugene H. Conklin.

The members of Lafayette Past will assemble at the third-st., thence proceed to the Pennsylvania Rallroad wharf, Jersey City, to receive Meade Post. The steamboat will then go up the Hudson River as far as West Point, and return in time to attend the dinner at the Manhattan Athletic Club-house at 7 p. m. Chauncey M. Depew will preside, and among the guests invited are President Harrison and members of his Cabinet; Governors Hill, Patterson and Russell; the Mayors of New-York, Philadelphia and Boston: General Wager swayne, Horace Porter, Daniel E. Sichles and Louis Fitzeerald, Rear-Admiral D. L. Braine, Captain Henry Erben, General W. G. Veasey and Department Com-

STABBED IN BELLEVUE HOSPITAL. In a fight in the dining-room at Bellevue Hospital at non yesterday, Jeremiah Denehy, a hospital attendant, stabbed Owen F. McCabe, a penitentlary convict, four times in the head with a pair of forceps. McCabe for the last week has been detailed to the hospital for clerical work. He came in the dining-room after the others had dined. When told that he had lost his meal for being late, he became abusive. Denchy ordered McCabe to leave the room, but the latter refused to move until he had had something to eat. Whe beneby tried to eject him, he was caught by the throat by McCabe. Deneby said that he considered his life in danger when he stabbed McCabe with the forceps. The wounds are not serious. Deneby was arraigned at the Yorkville Court in the afternoon and discharged.

# HE COULDN'T STAND THE PIANO.

Mrs. Margaret Bankley, of No. 154 West Fifteenth-st., appeared in Jefferson Market Court yesterday in an ower to a summons that had been served on her by Charles Brown, of the same address, who charged Mrs. Bankley with maintaining a nuisance. Mrs. Eankley has several boarders, young women, and has a plano in the parior. Recently some of the boarders have taken to playing the plane early in the morning, and the music, floating upward, disturbed the sweet slumers of Mr. Brown, who has a room on the top floor of the house. Mr. Brown objected to this and frequently eferred to Mrs. Bankley and her boarders as "plano flends," and as the young women continued to practise the latest songs on the piano in spite of his objections Mr. Brown secured a summons for Mrs. Bankley. When the case came up in court yesterday Mrs. Bankley charged Brown with insulting her. Brown said that he loved good music as well as any man, but he declared that none of Mrs. Bankley's boarders could play the plane, and he thought they drummed or danced on the keys for the purpose of annoying him. nied that she or her boarders had any intention of dis turbing the slumbers of Mr. Brown, but they had no other time to practise.

Justice McMahon advised Mr. Brown to find a new boarding-house if the piano-playing annoyed him, and before dismissing the case advised Mrs. Bankley against annoying her neighbors.

YOUNG FEMALE MORMONS ARRIVE HERE. The steamship Nevada landed 142 Mormons yes terday at the Borge Office. They were Germans Swedes and Swiss, and were chiefly young, intelligent tooking women. General O'Belrne examined each of the immigrants, and they all gave an affidavit that they were not disciples of polygamy, nor would they

ever be guilty of such an offence.

Two of these immigrants, named Alma Anson eighteen years old, and her sister Marie, seventeen years old, were detained. They were exceptionally pretty girls, and it was found that they came under the Contract Labor law, as they had been sent to this country under a contract to become servants to L. S. Anderson, of Ephraim City, Utah. women strongly repudiated the idea of having any thing to do with polygamous marriages. They were, however, detailed, and will be sent back to Demmark, the country from which they came, and Mr. Anderson will have to get other servants.

# WHERE SHALL WE GO THIS SUMMER?

This question, which perplexes heads of families about this time, can be satisfactorily solved by consulting the columns of "The Brooklyn Eagle," which contain the advertisements of all the best summer-resort hotels and boarding-houses in the country. An article of reference to them will be published in next sunday's "Eagle," giving full particulars as to the advantages of the different locations. Be sure and get the Sunday "Eagle" of June 21.

#### THE COURTS.

THEY THOUGHT THE MAN INSANE. BLIND DAN" MURPHY ONCE TRIED TO BITE

HIS HOUSEKEEPER. The efforts to prove that "Blind Dan" Murphy was name at the time he made the will leaving the greater part of his property to his daughter Annie were con tinued before Surrogate Ransom yesterday. Mrs. Mary Rice, of Brooklyn, testified that she had known Murphy forty years. Despite the long friendship, however eighteen months before the testator died he had been unable to recognize the witness. She had talked with him for an hour without getting any signs of recognition. Mrs. Rice also declared that Murphy had repeatedly expressed the intention of leaving the greater part of his money to his nephews, the contestants. He had also said that Annie was illegitimate and that he would not leave her much money out of fear that it would fall into the hands of her brother.

George H. Wheeler, a druggist of this city, who followed Mrs. Rice, was of the opinion that Murphy had occasions. For two years before his death his memory had been bad. Bridget McNamara, Murphy's housekeeper, was certain that her employer had been crazy for a year before his death.

"Why do you believe that he was crazy?" asked

Because," came the unexpected answer, "he once tried to bite me."

Margaret McNamara, who was a servant in the for eight weeks, declared that she had often closed the windows of the house because she feared "the old man would jump out." She had also locked him in his room to prevent his wandering off.

Murphy had told Mary A. Brannan, according to her testimony, that he wished to provide well for Annie. He had also declared his intention of leaving a "lot of blankets to poor women because their prayers would be worth more than those of other people." The case will be continued next Wednesday.

HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO FILE THE COPY. The friends of the New-York Cable Railway Company evidently believe that the decision of the Court of Appeals declaring its charter incomplete is not final. C. A. Gildersleeve, secretary of the company, attempted to file a certified copy of an amouded certificate of incorporation yesterday in the County Clerk's office. The original copy, he said, had been filed with the Secretary of State. The County Clerk, however, refused to ccept the paper. He gave as reasons for his refusal that the law required the filing of duplicate original opies in the office of the Secretary of State and in the office of the County Clerk. Mr. Gildersleeve was disappointed over his failure to file the certified copy. He declined to say, however, why the company w sirous of getting a certificate of reincorporation. L. A. Giegerich, the County Clerk, believes his action upheld by section 3, Chapter 563, of the laws of the State.

#### BITS OF LEGAL NEWS.

Elizabeth Hennes, who was bitten by a dog belong ng to Frederick Burki, of No. 149 South Fifth-ave. some time ago, secured a verifict of \$600 against Eurki yesterday. The verdict was granted by Judge Pryor, of the Court of Common Pleas.

William C. Fleminge has brought suit for \$5,000 cleaned, and received a coating of anti-fouling paint. It is expected that she will break her own record

damages against William J. Scanlan, the actor, for "usurping the title 'Myles Aroon' for his play." In the Supreme Court yesterday his attorney also asked for an injunction restraining Scanlan from "further infringing upon his rights." Mr. Scanlan denied the allegations. Judge O'Brien reserved his decision.

Mrs. Anna McManus secured a verdict of \$5,000 damages yesterday against the New-York Transfer Company. The plaintiff was run over by a wagon of the company in February, 1890, while crossing Her thigh was broken, partial paralysis followed, and the leg became shorter in consequence. The troubles between Maurice S. Newcorn, who has a store at No. 124 Park Row, and John Chapman, a photographer in the same house, came to a temporary end yesterday. A man employed by Chapman has been in the habit of standing in front of Newcorn's store to solicit customers for the photographer. Newcorn com plained that the actions of the man interfered with his ousiness. He secured an injunction from Judge Beach, of the Supreme Court, yesterday, restraining the man from prosecuting his business on the pave ment.

Sheriff Gorman yesterday turned over the property of the firm of Levy Brothers & Co., which he attached a few days ago, to H. W. Gray, the receiver. doing so he obeyed an order of Judge Andrews, of the Supreme Court, Issued on Wednesday. The Judge's order required the surrender of the goods or the commitment of the Sheriff. As several other orders had been issued relative to the property of the firm, the Sheriff was unable to decide which one to follow.

CASES ARGUED IN THE COURT OF APPEALS. to-day the following cases were argued:

No. 40—David D. Weaver, an Infant, etc., respondent, agt. John M. Bullis, appellant. Submitted.
No. 41—Stewart H. Pink, respondent, agt. William S. Church, as administrator, etc., No. 14—The suburban hapid Transit Company, appellant, agt. the Mayor, etc., of New-York, respondents.

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No. 28-Julien T. Davies, as receiver, respondent, agt. the New-York Concert Company, appellant.

No. 25-Katle Cook, as administrative, etc., pespondent, agt. the New-York Central and Hudson River Italiroad Company, appellant.

The day calendar for to-morrow is Nos. 29, 35, 21, 6, 43, 15, 58 and 106. In the Second Division the following cases were

armued: argaea:
No. 307-The Sheridan Electric-Light Company, appellant, agt, the Chatham National Bank, respondent, No. 399-Mary A. Underwood and another, appellants, agt, Barriet S. Curiis and another, respondents, The second Division day calendar for to-morrow is Nos. 400, 401, 402, 404, 405, 406 and 403.

## COURT CALENDARS FOR TO-DAY.

Supreme Court-Chambers-Bolor continued.
Supreme Court-Chambers-Bolore Beach, J.-Motion Remark, Nos 1 to 20, called at 11 o'clock.
Supreme Court-Special Tenn-Part 1-Refore O'Brien, -Nos 2800, 2800, 2800, 2001, 2502, 2503, 15482, 2777, 7781, 2792, 2792, 2794, 2715, 1077, 2781, 2792, 2792, 2814, 2715, 1077, Supreme Court-Special Term-Part 11-Before Lawtec, J.-Divorces: Nos 2903, 3752, 2900, 2007, Lawd fact: Nos 2830, 2845, 2898, 2004, 2023, 2029, 2036, 400 Supreme Court-Circuit-Part I-Before Andrews, J.-Supreme Court-Circuit-Part II-Before Childs, J.-Nos. 56, 2703, 2504, 3701. \$306, 2708, 2504, 2701.

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5897, 5857, 6850, 5878, 4951, 4683, 5037, 3808, 5880,
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56824, 5702, 5570, 5659.

\$upreme Court-Circott-Part IV-Before Ingraham, J.\$urroyate's Court-Before Hanson, S.-No day calendar,
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Superior Court-General Term-Adjourned until July 2 Superior Court-Special Term-Before McAdam, J.-No 781. Superior Court-Equity Term-Adjourned for the term.
Superior Court-Trial Term-Parts I, II and III-Adurned for the term.
Common Pleas-General Term-Adjourned until June 22.
Common Pleas-Special Term-Before Buchoff, J.—
290. Common Pleas—Special Term—Before Bischoft, J.—No 20.

Common Pleas—Equity Term—Before Allen, J.—No a. 54, 56, 57, 61, 90, 70, 72, 73, 75, 92, 100, 93, 62, 51.

Common Pleas—Trial Term—Part II—Before Bookstaver, J.—Short causes: Nos 1256, 1251, 1254, 1245, 1235, 1211, Day enlendar, 10:30 a. in.: Nos 549, 647, 053, 955, 983, 415, 1026, 49, 1622, 1055, 1607, 1605, 1607, 16 Court of General Sess'ons-Part I Before Cowing, J., Court of General Sess'ons-Part I Before Cowing, J., and Assistant District Attorney Waunops Lynn-Nos. 1 to 33. Inclusive. Court of General Sessions—Part II—Before Smyth, R., and Assistant B strict Atterneys Wellman and Simms—No. I Court of General Sessions—Part III—Before Martine, I., and Assistant Blurret-Atterney Melatyre—No. I.

THE LABOR UNIONS AND THE WORLD'S FAIR Chicago, June 18.—The joint committee of the trades unions of the city have decided to send a letter to President Harrison, asking that in all work done by the Federal Government in connection with the World's Pair the eight-hour day be recognized, all disputes settled by arbitration, and not less than the recognized minimum scale of wages for the various trades in this Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, asking him not to take any action on a request from the Labor Congress branch of the World's Fair auxiliary for assistance in organizing the World's Fair Labor Congress in conjunction with the Fair until the committee can furnish him a report of the unsuessful efforts with the local directory in behalf of a minimum scale of wazes. A circular has also been ssued to the workingmen of America and Europe, earning them not to come to Chicago in the expecta-

points out that the World's Fair buildings are all to be constructed within eighteen months, and that wages are likely to be lower instead of higher, because of the surplus of labor already here.

#### THE HAT TRIMMINGS SUIT.

THE CASE GOES TO THE JURY-JUDGE ACHE-SON'S CHARGE FAVORS THE PLAINTIFFS. Philadelphia, June 18.-Meyer & Dickinson's great test import duty suit against the Government for the classification of the merchandise imported either as hat trimmings or linings, went into the hands of the jury at twenty minutes past 12 o'clock to-day. eral Tremain, for the importers, made an address an hour and three-quarters long, summing up the evidence and scoring the Government officials as to the manner in which some of the evidence on the other side had been summed up.

Judge Acheson then delivered the charge to the jury It was favorable to the plaintiffs. He explained that the action was to recover an alleged excess of duties which had been paid under protest. The goods, h said, which were the subject of the duty, were "chinas" not been in his right mind for some time and "marselines," the latter being made wholly of prior to his death A niece of the dead silk and the former of silk and cotton, silk being the man, Affi Shanahan, of Waterbury, also testified that | component material of chief value. The Custom House her uncle had failed to recognize her upon several occasions. For two years before his death his memory ad valorem, under the clause of the Tariff act which reads: "All goods, wares and merchasdise not specially enumerated or provided for in this act, made of sill or of which silk is the component material of chief value, 50 per centum ad valorem." The plaintiffs assert that the chinas and marselines, the subject of this dispute, come under the clause which begins with the words "hats and so forth, materials for," as being "trimmings," chiefly "used for making or ornamenting hats, bonnets and hoods," and hence duflable at 20 per cent ad valorem only.

Judge Acheson said the evidence tended to show that chinas and marselines had long been used for lin-ing hats, bonnets and hoods. The plaintiffs' witnesses have testified that these articles have always belonged to the géneral class of hat trimmings, and have been chiefly used to trim and finish hats, bonnets and hoods. The defendant's witnesses have testified that chinas and marselines do not belong to the class of "trimmings," and make a distinction between the outside and the inside of a hat, bonnet or hood, only the outside decorations being embraced in the designation "timmings." Undoubtedly the word "trimmings" as used in the law included ornamental appendages; but did it include nothing more? This the jury would determine upon a consideration of the whole evidence, and hatter record they do the constant of the whole evidence. and the inside of a hat, bonnet or hood, only the outand having regard also to the terms of the Tariff act. Delaware, Ohio. Dr. Russell Conwell, of Philadelphia, The defendant's witnesses stated that linings were not inddressed the Chantanquans on "A Silver Crown"; the

#### TENTS FOR THE FIRE SUFFERERS.

NOBLE WORK IN BEHALF OF HOMELESS PEOPLE OF SEA BRIGHT.

Sea Bright, N. J., June 18 (Special).—The Citizens' Relief Committee is doing heroic work in relieving the amediate necessities of the many sufferers by Tuesday night's fire. Tents were erected to-day upon the vacant plot on the Shrewsbury River owned by the Sea taken from springs and brooks one mile east Bright Catholic Church for the shelter of the homeless. Governor Abbett sent Captain Macheceny with a squad of men and 150 tents. The Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association sent twenty five tents. The victims House, the Rutherford Arms and the stables of the cottagers. The Relief Committee asked the Long Branch Water Works Company to extend its pipes across the Shrewsbury River to the tenting grounds of the sufferers. The Board of Commissioners to-day adopted measures which will prevent bogus sufferers from receiving food and household goods. Contributions were received from R. H. Macy & Co., Stern Brothers, Rouex & Co., Acker, Merrall & Co. and other firms of New-York. The Western Union Telegraph Company author ized free service to the Kelief Committee, and the United States Express Company also offered the free use of its services. Eagene Kelly, the stableman was services. Eagene Kelly, the stableman was rested on the charge of having originated the fire in L. King; treasurer, Hampton O. Marsa, services against him are largely and D. Halsey; trustees—George A. Halsey, William V. V. Lidgerwood, Hampton O. Marsh, Jonathan L. King; treasurer, Hampton O. Marsh, Jonathan L. in the stable in which the fire originated. Mrs. Henry Alexander, chairman of the Woman's Relief Committee, rendered destitute by the ifre.

The citizens of Asbury Park met to-day and arranged nittee was also appointed, with Mrs. William R. Mapes as chairman. To-night a carload of cots, the con-tribution of Mrs. Fitzgerald, was received and distrib-nted. The wealthy cottagers are arrancing to organ-ton alona company, which will at once advance funds for the reconstruction of dwelling-houses and stores destroyed by the fire. stroyed by the fire.

Subscriptions were received by General Louis Fitzgerald, in the Equitable Building here, yesterday for the relief of the sufferers from the fire at Sea Bright, which ran up the amount fu his hands, as treasurer of the fund, to \$11.575. The amounts came in so rapidly that there was not time to classify them.

#### A MURDERER HANGED AT BRIDGEPORT. Bridgeport, Conn., June 18 (Special).-Jacob Scheele

was hanged here to-day for the murder of Constable Louis Drucker three years ago. The condemned man passed last night in his cell with the keepers playing pinochle and euchre continuously, only ceasing after 2 a. m. Early last night and again this morning Scheele held interviews with his spiritual adviser, the Rev. Beverley E. Warner, rector of Christ Church At 9:30 the death warrant was read and at 10:30 the condemned man, leaning on the arm of Mr. Warner and followed by Shertff Clarkson and his deputies and failor Wells, walked with a firm step to the gallows and ascended to the platform. At the close of a praye by Mr. Warner and while the rope was being adjusted Scheele looked about upon the 200 or more persons assembled and said: "Gentlemen: I was going to say few words, but Mr. Warner will say them for me I hope the Lord Father in Himmel will forgive me and all of us. I am ready to go." At 10:36 the drop rell. Scheele's neck was broken by the fall of over six feet.

## MRS. FUTVOYE SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Baltimore, June 18 (Special).-Margaret Futvoye ormerly of New-York, the deserted wife of Lewis E. A. formerly of New York, the desertor who of Lewis E. S. Frothers' Hospital were also represented. The meeting was for the purpose of distributing the stocks and bonds of the estate among the parties interested. Two hundred thousand dollars were handed over to Vassar College, and the meeting of the estate among the parties interested. Two hundred thousand dollars were handed over to Vassar College, divorce, and charging her husband with abandon ment and unfaithfulness. They were married in 1873 in Ottawa, Canada. Two years ago they came to Balti-more. Futvoye led a double life in Baltimore. He one of them received a certified check for \$15,000. The more. Futvoye led a double life in Baltimore. He had a fine house in the northern part of the city, where his wife and daughter lived. At the other end of the inext of kin will receive a certified check for \$15,000. The final accounting will take place on July 10, when each town he maintained an establishment, where he lived amount received by him or her about \$36,000. with Edith Mansfield, a notorious beauty. He went under an assumed name, and the neighbors knew the pair as husband and wife. He lavished thousands of dollars upon this woman. About a year ago he and the woman disappeared. Investigation showed that the woman disappeared. Investigation showed that the company he had defaulted for a heavy amount, but the company hushed the matter up and declined to make known the extent of the deficit. He has never been heard from since.

Court on a charge of subornation of perjury in the procuring of naturalization papers for aliens, this morning reported that they were unable to agree upon a verdict; they were discharged.

## SUED BY A NEW-YORK "PROMOTER."

Chicago, June 18 (Special).-Alva E. Davis, a New York "promoter," has brought suit in the United State Circuit Court for \$100,000 damages against Zimrie D. Wiggins, cashier of the Columbia National Bank, and Wiggins, cashier of the Columbia National Bank, and Shaler, Ordnance Department, relieved. Second Lieu-leorge W. Wiggs and James M. Starbeck, real estate tenant James W. Benton, 9th Cavalry, will go to Fort dealers, doing business as the Republic Gold Mining Myer, Va., and report for duty. Captain Charles H. Company. Mr. Davis alleges that he negotiated the was not actually consummated, he is entitled to compensation for his services. The defendants say they aid Davis for his work and now hold his judgment notes for over \$20,000.

THE TRANSATLANTIC DORY RACE POSTPONED Boston, June 18.-Captains W. A. Andrews and W. J. Lawler have postponed the start of their transatlantic dory race, for a silver cap and a purse of \$5,000, until next Sunday, owing to the unfavorable weather of yesterday, when the start was to have been made.

A MANURAL GAS AND OIL SYNDICATE'S MOVE Indianapolis, June 18.—A dispatch from Anderson, Ind., says: "The Indiana natural gas and oil syndicate has turned over its leases held upon 462 farms in this county and Grant, Howard, Delaware, Hamilton, Blackford and Jay counties, to the Columbus Contion of getting plenty of work and higher wages. It struction Company, a corporation organized under the

to the plain facts about Pearl ine, and then give Pearline a chance to prove them, by giving it afair trial. Nothing else will give the same result. It washes safely, as well as surely; it cleans carefully, as well as easily. It is as cheap as soap and better. Anything that can be washed, can be washed best with Pearline. It lightens labor and does lightning work.

laws of New-Jersey. There is much speculation as to what the transfer means."

As nearly as we can figure, about eight millions of women use it. Do you? You will

sooner or later. Beware of imitations. 237 JAMES PYLE, N.Y.

THE GLEN ECHO CHAUTAUQUA.

EXERCISES AND LECTURES AT THE NEWLY FOUNDED ASSEMBLY. Washington, June 18 (Special).-Chancellor Gillets

opened the exercises at the Glen Echo Chantauqua to-day by introducing Professor W. R. Harper, of Yale the defendant's witnesses stated that linings were not believe fact that chinas and marselines were called linings," and increases and marselines were called lass of "trimmings." Mere names were not of themsless controlling.

The jury retired at 12:20 o'clock and had not lached a verdict at 4 o'clock when the court advanced. Judge Acheson left instructions for the jury seal their verdict if they arrived at an agreement. J. B. Demotte, of De Pauw University, "The Light-

house the Scatinel of the Sca."

The second issue of "The Glen Echo Daily Chau tauqua" made its appearance to-day. It is an eightpage daily paper with the news of the assembly, such

as lectures, gossip, etc.

The sanitation of the grounds is excellent. The system of sewerage and water supply was designed by Secretary Jennings and has been introduced under his direct supervision. The water is of the grounds in the hills. There be no pollution of the source of supply as there are no barns or dwellings within two miles of the reservoir. Mr. Halford, President Harrison's private secretary, made a delightful address at one of the recent services which has attracted a good deal of attention because of the concise and happy way in which he tells the story of Clar Echo. the concise and of Glen Echo.

NEW-JERSEY WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS IN MORRISTOWN.

Morristown, N. J., June 18 (Special).-The annual meeting of the Washington Association of New-Jersey was held at the headquarters this afternoon. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Jonathan W. Roberts; first vice president, Phelps and Thomas C. Bushnell.

The collection of relics has been increased during the Alexander, chairman of the woman's Renie Collection of relies has been increased during the said to-day that the committee wanted shoes, hats and underclothing for women and children at once. The Relief Committee fed over 400 persons to-day. Over the gifts is a chair used by Washington in his library at Mount Vernon, presented by Thomas C. Bushnell. 20,000 has been subscribed toward the relief of those British at springfield and was used as a signal gun by the Continental forces during the Revolution, has, to hold a public meeting to-morrow night to raise through the action of William J. Brittin, of Madison, money for the sufferers. The residents of Long Branch held a public meeting last night, at which Mayor Brown presided. A committee of forty, with Colonel C. V. N. Wilson as chairman, was appointed to the letter book of Lord Stirling's manager at Hibertia, the letter book of Lord Stirling's manager at Hibertia, the letter book of Lord Stirling's manager at Hibertia, the letter book of Lord Stirling's manager at Hibertia, solicit contributions of all kinds. A women's comthe association the Cincamati badge, letters and corre spondence of General Matthlas Ogden. A Masonia scarf which belonged to and was worn by George Wash ington has been given to the association by several combers who contributed the funds for its purchase. Mrs. Roberts has added many valuable documents and utographs to the collection bearing her name, and Edmund D. Halsey has presented a very interesting sketch of the Arnold Tavern, which has been executed in black and white under his direction, and shows the building as it existed at the time of its occupancy by Wash ington as accurately as can be ascertained from reliable authorities. The executive committee attended the sale of Washington relies held in Philadelphia in December last and purchased twenty articles of cut glass, china and plated ware. Some interesting Washington docuand plated wate. Some interesting vasination accuments were also obtained at this sale, among which are a memorindum sketch and notes of a survey made by Washington and a draft drawn on and accepted by him. At a subsequent sale, also held in Philadelphia in April last, the committee procured a check drawn by Washington on the Bank of Alexandria and a letter signed by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

## A PRINCETON GRADUATE DROWNED.

Princeton, N. J., June 18 .- The drowning yesterday of Charles R. Campbell in the Conemaugh River near his home, at Derby Station, Penn., was a shock to his classmates. He stood among the highest men in this year's graduating class. He was awarded special honors in mathematics and delivered an oration on

## DIVIDING JOHN GUY VASSAR'S ESCATE.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 18 (Special).—There was a meeting to-day of the next of kin of John Guy Vassar and their lawyers, in the office of B. M. Fowler, one of the executors of the estate. Vassar College and Vassar Brothers' Hospital were also represented. The meeting \$400,000 to Vassar Hospital, and the majority of the next of kin each received \$25,215 worth of securities.

# THE JURY UNABLE TO AGREE.

Chicago, June 18.-The jury in the case of State Senator Solomon Van Prang, on trial in the Federal

## ARMY AND NAVY INTELLIGENCE.

Washington, June 18 .- Captain Frank Heath, Ords nance Department, is detailed as a member of the board for testing rifled cannon, vice Captain Charles pany. Mr. Davis alleges that he negotiated the of the company's mine and that though the sale is authorized to await retirement. The following named officers are relieved from their present duties in the Division of the Atlantic, and will join their regiment in the Division of the Pacific: Captain Joshua A. Fessenden, 5th Artillery; First Lieutenant Thomas B Adams, 5th Artillery.

Lieutenant James M. Miller has been ordered to examination for promotion; Lieutenant Charles P. Perelectric lights on board the Naval vessels building for the Government at the Bath Iron Works; Lieutenant Richard Mitchell to the receiving ship Vermont; Passed Assistant Surgeon J. M. Steele to the Naval Hospital, Assistant Surgeon J. M. Steele to the Naval Hospital, Nelson, Mass., on June 30; Assistant Paymaster J. C. Carpenter to the Fish Commission steamer Albatrose on July 1; Lieutenant Commander E. E. Impsy has been detached from the Tallapoosa, ordered to return home, and granted three months' have of absence; Surgeon Howard Wells from the Naval Hospital, Chelsua, Mass., on June 3, and placed on waiting orders; Assistant Paymaster C. S. Williams from the Albatrose on July 1, ordered to settle accounts, and granted three months' leave of absence.